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FM AMCONSUL HONG KONG

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5121

INFO AMEMBASSY MANILA

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UNCLAS HONG KONG 5713

MANILA PASS TO U.S. COAST GUARD

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC, HK

SUBJECT: "LADY ESTHER II"

1. SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST 22 MAY CARRIED ARTICLE CONCERNING DETENTION OF AMERICAN REGISTERED YACHT LADY ESTHER, 54 FOOT KETCH OWNED BY MR. HAROLD NEWELL. YACHT ANCHORED BY MISTAKE OFF PRC - HELD TAN KAN SHAN ISLAND IN LIMA GROUP SOUTH OF HONG KONG EVENING OF 15 MAY AND WAS BOARDED BY PRC AUTHORITIES. ON 16 MAY YACHT WAS ESCORTED BY PRC PATROL CRAFT TO SMALL PORT ON PEARL RIVER NEAR MACAU.

2. NEWELL, WIFE ESTHER, AND PASSENGERS WILLIAM HEAGY, MICHAEL DEDEK, ANN COX, CHRIS YOUNG, BARBARA PRESENT (ALL AMERICAN CITIZENS) AND TED GODDARD CANADIAN CITIZEN) WERE QUESTIONED INTENSIVELY BY PRC AUTHORITIES. VESSEL AND PASSENGERS WERE RELEASED 18 MAY WITHOUT FURTHER INCIDENT AFTER NEWELL SIGNED DOCUMENT APOLOGIZING FOR ACCIDENTAL INCURSION INTO PRC TERRITORY.

3. NEWELL CLAIMS HE AND OTHER PASSENGERS WERE WELL TREATED THROUGHOUT PERIOD OF DETENTION. HE NOTED ERROR CAUSED BY FACT HONG KONG TERRITORIAL LIMITS NOT SHOWN ON HIS CHARTS.

4. CONGEN ATTEMPTING CONTACT NEWELL FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

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CONGEN RECEIVED NO NOTIFICATION OF INCIDENT FROM HONG KONG

MARINE DEPARTMENT OR OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES.
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